GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Kidnapping of Children
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether begging rackets and several cases of kidnapping of children for begging have been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of such cases reported, children traced/untraced, kidnappers arrested and gangs busted along with action taken against them, separately during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide education and other facilities to child beggars for their livelihood and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of advisories/guidelines/ directives issued to the States in this regard along with the other corrective steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 44 children in 2013, 16 children in 2014 and 52 children in 2015 have been reported as kidnapped or abducted for the purpose of begging in the country. State/UT-wise such details during 2013-2015 is enclosed as Annexure-I. State/UT-wise cases reported, cases chargesheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons chargesheeted and persons convicted
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under total kidnapping or abduction of children (including kidnapped or abducted for the purpose of begging) during 2013-2015 is enclosed as Annexure-II. The Bureau has started collecting data on children recovered/unrecovered since 2014. State/UT-wise total number of children kidnapped or abducted (including kidnapped or abducted for the purpose of begging), children recovered and remain unrecovered during 2014-2015 is enclosed as Annexure-III. Information for kidnapping or abduction of children for the purpose of begging and gangs busted is not maintained separately.
(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) though State Governments/ UT Administrations with the objective to create a safe and secure environment for overall development of children in need of care and protection. Besides, emergency outreach service is also provided through 24-hour toll free telephone (1098) to children in distress through Childline India Foundation (CIF) which is being assisted by Ministry of Women & Child Development.
(d): As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies
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with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Home Affairs has issued advisories dated 14th July, 2010 regarding "Crime against children" and dated 25th June, 2013 regarding "Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction to file FIR in case of Missing Children" which are also available on www.mha.nic.in.